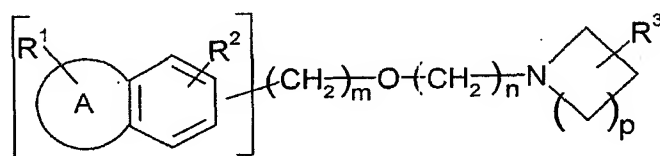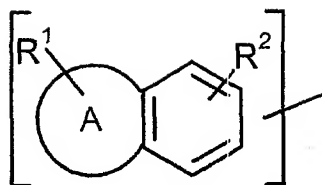## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A ~~preventive and/or remedy~~ method for treating a retinal nerve ~~diseases characterized in that it comprises~~ disease comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an alkyl ether derivative represented by the following general formula [1]:
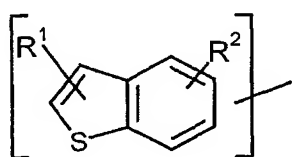

wherein R^1 and R^2, which may be the same or different, each represents one or more groups selected from a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, arylthio, alkenyl, alkenyloxy, amino, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, carbamoyl or heterocyclic group, a protected or unprotected amino, hydroxyl or carboxyl group, a nitro group and an oxo group; R^3 represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group, or a protected or unprotected amino or hydroxyl group; the ring A represents a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring or a benzene ring; m and n each represents an integer between 1 and 6; and p represents an integer between 1 and 3; or a salt thereof, wherein the retinal nerve disease is selected from the group consisting of glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, retinal artery obstruction, retinal venous obstruction, macular degeneration and retinopathy of prematurity.
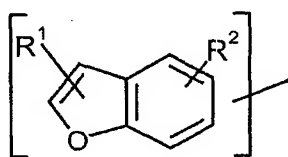
Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The ~~preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve diseases~~ method according to claim 1, wherein the portion represented by the following formula:
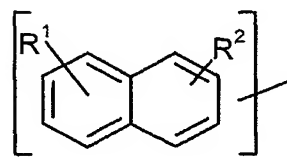
of the alkyl ether derivative represented by the general formula [1] ~~according to claim 1~~ is

any one of the following (A), (B), and (C):

(A)   (B)   (C)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The ~~preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve~~

~~diseases~~ method according to claim 1, wherein R^1 represents a hydrogen atom; and R^2

represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkoxy group.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The ~~preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve~~

~~diseases~~ method according to claim 1, wherein m represents 2; n represents an integer of 2 or

3; and p represents an integer of 1 or 2.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The ~~preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve~~

~~diseases~~ method according to claim 2, wherein R^1 represents a hydrogen atom; and R^2

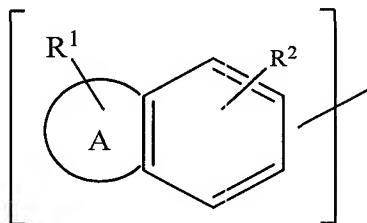represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkoxy group.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The ~~preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve diseases~~ method according to claim 2, wherein m represents 2; n represents an integer of 2 or 3; and p represents an integer of 1 or 2.
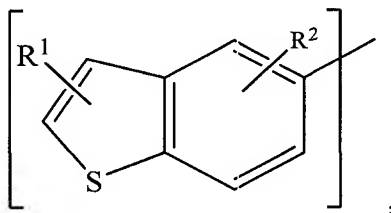
Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The ~~preventive and/or remedy for retinal nerve diseases~~ method according to claim 3, wherein m represents 2; n represents an integer of 2 or 3; and p represents an integer of 1 or 2.

Claim 8 (New): The method according to claim 1, wherein the portion represented by the following formula:

of the alkyl ether derivative represented by the general formula [1] is

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R^1 is a hydrogen atom, R^2 is a hydrogen atom, R^3 is a hydroxyl group, m is 2, n is 3 and p is 1.

Claim 9 (New): The method according to claim 1, wherein the alkyl ether derivative is 1-(3-(2-(1-benzothiophene-5-yl)ethoxy)propyl)-3-azetidinol or its salt.

Claim 10 (New): The method according to claim 9, wherein the alkyl ether derivative is 1-(3-(2-(1-benzothiophene-5-yl)ethoxy)propyl)-3-azetidinol maleate.

Claim 11 (New): The method according to claim 1, wherein the retinal nerve disease is glaucoma.

Claim 12 (New): The method according to claim 1, wherein the retinal nerve disease is diabetic retinopathy.

Claim 13 (New): The method according to claim 1, wherein the retinal nerve disease is retinal artery obstruction.

Claim 14 (New): The method according to claim 1, wherein the retinal nerve disease is retinal venous obstruction.

Claim 15 (New): The method according to claim 1, wherein the retinal nerve disease is macular degeneration.

Claim 16 (New): The method according to claim 1, wherein the retinal nerve disease is retinopathy of prematurity.